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## CITY COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE

### CAMPAIGN TALK WILL BE SIFTED.

## FINANCIAL REPORT ASKED

### Councilman Introduced Resolution, Aftermath of Late Election.

The demise of the official legislature of the city of Grants Pass draws near. But like the dissolution of physical bodies, its last hours are attended by convulsions and spasms that are and indeed to behold, and gathered about the once loved form compassionate and long-suffering friends weep tears of grief—grief not that there must come an end to all things earthly, but that the end must be attended by agony so wracking, so destructive to official dignity and to public peace of mind.

Only six members were present at last night's council meeting, Everton and Herzinger being absent. Little business appeared on the table, and the decks were soon cleared for action. A number of petitions for new street lights were read and referred, and on the report of the committee, a light was ordered installed at the corner of L and Oak streets.

### Josephine Street Improvement.

The only other public business appearing was the allowance of the usual grist of bills, and the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of Josephine street from the east line of 8th street to the west line of 9th street. The street is to be graded, and cement walks and curbs laid. The estimated cost is \$1,991.65, which amount is to be assessed to the abutting property owners.

### Election Aftermath.

Echoes of the recent unpleasantness through which the city has passed resounded within the hall when Councilman Stricker, defeated for re-election in the First ward, flashed a trio of resolutions on the council. The first of these recited that "whereas the city auditor and police judge had caused to be issued or was instrumental in issuing a supposedly true statement of the finances of the city of Grants Pass for political purposes, and that the finance committee believed that the statement was misleading as it is not possible for the city to reduce its actual indebtedness to the extent of \$20,000 on an income of a little more than \$20,000 when its actual running expenses are more than \$2,500 per month." The resolution asked that the auditor be instructed to prepare a statement for publication in the newspapers to include certain specified details of the city finances, said report to be handed to the finance committee for its approval. The resolution was adopted, Councilmen Clark, Phillips, Stricker, Wolfersberger and Daniels voting for it and Councilman Caldwell against it.

A second resolution introduced by Mr. Stricker provided that all newly elected members of the council must present a certificate from the county clerk showing that he was the owner of real estate within the city at the time of his election, this being a charter provision. The mayor held that the provision of the charter was unconstitutional, and the resolution was referred to the city attorney.

The third resolution calls for an investigation of reports that were in circulation during the campaign bearing upon raids of bootlegging joints, these reports having it that certain of the suspected places were notified from official sources that the raids were to come. This investigation was ordered by the votes of Councilmen Clark, Phillips, Stricker and Wolfersberger.

## PFEFFERLY IS ELECTED JUSTICE AT WALDO

According to an opinion handed down by Judge Stephen Jewell, Henry M. Pfefferly is the regularly elected justice of the peace of Waldo precinct, and the contest filed by W. A. Germond will not serve to oust him.

At the regular November election Pfefferly received ten votes for the office of justice. Certain votes were also cast for W. A. Germond for the office, but these the board decided could not be counted for him as his name appeared elsewhere on the ballot as a candidate for the office of county assessor on the socialist ticket.

Judge Jewell holds that the board was right in refusing to count these ballots for Germond, the law requiring the board, making illegal votes cast for Germond for any other office than that of assessor, for which he was defeated.

Germond has given notice of appeal from the decision of the court, judge, and will thresh the question out in the circuit court.

## BOOSTS CONCRETE FOR ROAD BUILDING.

H. J. Doolittle, representing the Western Association of Portland Cement Manufacturers with headquarters in Portland, is spending a few days in Grants Pass and vicinity in the interests of the various cement makers on the Pacific coast.

"Our work," said Mr. Doolittle, "is along educational lines. We are trying to impress upon the people the importance of using cement for permanent construction work. To assist in bringing this to the attention of the public we are giving stereopticon lectures illustrating the great advantage of adopting concrete for various structures."

"We are particularly interested in the good roads movement, and in this connection we place particular importance upon the base or foundation, which, we claim, should be made of Portland cement concrete. The wearing surface laid depends upon local conditions. There are many instances where straight concrete roadways are giving excellent results. Concrete bridges, because of their permanency, are rapidly replacing wooden and steel structures. "Concrete construction work on the farm is becoming very popular. Today the farmer is building barns, mangers, silos, root houses, fence posts, watering troughs and various structures of concrete and it is our purpose to render such assistance as will insure successful results. The selection of proper sand and gravel of crushed rock is a very important matter, and likewise careful attention should be given to the proper curing of the concrete."

"Accompanied by City Engineer Hobson I inspected the pavement recently laid under his supervision, and I believe that such a wearing surface laid on a concrete base will give this city a good pavement at a reasonable cost. The money invested in the base would be a permanent investment and the top could be renewed when the occasion demanded. "I have visited your local pipe and tile plant, and know that the product they are manufacturing is in every way worthy of favorable consideration. In this connection we are reminded of the fact that it is made in Oregon." In the last few years there have been wonderful advancements in the manufacture of concrete products. Today concrete pipe is successfully withstanding the action of sewage and alkali. Concrete was first used for sewers in the construction of the Cloaca Maxima, or main sewer of Rome about 100 B. C. and this sewer is still in service after a period of 1,500 years.

"From all indications there will be considerable activity next season along construction lines, and it is evident that Grants Pass will come in for its share."

R. E. Steward of Medford was a Grants Pass visitor Wednesday. S. J. Moore and A. H. Fowler of Eugene are spending a few days in the city.

## RE-ELECTION OF MAYOR SMITH INDORSEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

### Vote of Women Is Especially Large, and all old Members of the Council Meet Defeat at Polls

The administration of Robert G. Smith as mayor of Grants Pass was given emphatic endorsement by the voters Tuesday when he was returned to office for another year with a vote that lacked but seven of equalling the combined vote of the two other candidates.

This was the first election in which the women were permitted to participate, and that doubter who has been fighting woman suffrage on the plea that the ladies did not want to vote has seen his argument vanish in thin air. For the ladies were there early and late, and they were all there for they cast fully one-half of the 1641 ballots that were recorded for mayor. The registration was only 1566, many who had failed to register swearing their votes in as they are allowed under our law.

One of the features of this first battle of the ballots under the new order of things was the retiring to private life of all the councilmen who sought re-election. Stricker in the 1st ward lost to Culbertson by 27 votes; Phillips in the 2nd was defeated by Atchison by 66, and Herzinger went down before the fire of the paper ammunition by 93 votes, losing out to Morgan.

For the short term in the 2nd ward Barnes was elected without opposition. Porter defeated Williams

in the 3rd ward by a margin of 97 votes.

The result of the election puts five new men on the council, the only holdovers being Clark, Everton and Caldwell. Of the newly elected members two, Culbertson and Morgan, are members of the socialist party, nominated in a party convention. Two of the holdovers, Everton and Caldwell, are also socialists, giving that party one-half of the membership of the council. While the socialists nominated a party ticket, there was no uniformity in the vote given this ticket by the party members, none being elected upon a strict party vote.

The policies of the mayor so far as they touch the saloon question, can be said to have been given unqualified endorsement, as four of the five new councilmen class as "ultra dry," and with Caldwell, a holdover, coming under the same category. Mayor Smith will have a quintette behind him on issues coming under the wet and dry class, though that question is largely disposed of for a year at least.

Hobart received about the vote that was claimed for him, the surprise of the count being in the light vote cast for the socialist candidate and the relatively larger vote for Mr. Smith.

The detailed vote by wards was as follows:

Candidates.	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total	Majority
For Mayor—						
T. F. Hanley	51	35	28	77	191	
C. L. Hobart	157	168	146	162	633	
Robert G. Smith	287	245	126	159	817	184
For Treasurer—						
Geo. P. Jester	426	360	261	345	1392	
Council, Ward 1—						
E. H. Culbertson	253				27	
Dr. F. D. Stricker	226					
Councilman, Ward 2—						
Wm. Atchison		197			66	
Al Dean		84				
S. W. Phillips		131				
J. P. Wilson		27				
Councilman, 1 Yr. Ward 2—						
A. S. Barnes		333			97	
Councilman, Ward 3—						
A. A. Porter		195			97	
Chas. A. Williams		93				
Councilman, Ward 4—						
H. L. Herzinger			153		93	
R. S. Morgan			246			

The newly elected officials will assume their offices on the first Thursday of January, which is the date of the regular council meeting, and at that time the appointments to the various appointive offices will be announced. There will likely be but little change in the personnel of the city officials, however, as Mayor Smith is expected to continue the present officers for another year. There is rumor that

there will be some shifting about of the police force, however, and that Chief McLean will be elevated to the title of police commissioner.

One of the noteworthy features of election day was the freedom from errors in the votes cast, thus showing that the women were well on to the job and that mere man has nothing to boast of from that score. But some of the doubters are saying

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**MR. HOBART TO THE PUBLIC.**

To the People of Grants Pass:

We have lost the contest and accept the verdict cheerfully. We congratulate the winner and true to the spirit of the "Get Together" slogan ask all of our friends to forget the past four weeks and help us co-operate in other matters of importance which are now before us and in which I am sure our opponents will meet us half way. I have no bitterness toward anyone, and there should not be on the part of anyone no matter on which side of the contest. We have been defeated and now ask our opponents to meet us half way for the general welfare of the community. If we would put the united energy expended in the last four weeks in one harmonious force for the community welfare we could accomplish almost anything we set out to do. We are not discouraged nor have we ceased in our efforts to try for a united town. Now is the time we need this co-operation more than any other. In fact, it is so vital that on this immediate co-operation depends the question as to whether our town is to live or die.

Sincerely,  
C. L. HOBART.

## BEQUEATHED PROPERTY FOR HOSPITAL HERE

John F. Green, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, died at the Good Samaritan hospital in this city on the 25th day of November, at the age of 39 years. Green had been brought to the hospital from Galice, where he followed the occupation of a miner, suffering from tumor of the stomach.

On November 14th, eleven days before he died, Green made his will, bequeathing his property, after a number of small bequests were made, to the founding of a hospital in Grants Pass, one condition of the bequest being that Miss Jean Atchison and Mrs. B. Dolly, who were his nurses at the Good Samaritan, be in charge of the nursing at the new hospital.

Matt Tapola, a Galice miner and close friend of the deceased, is named as executor of the will, and filed the document for probate Monday. By the terms of the will Matt Tapola and Attorney O. S. Blanchard are to act as trustees of the residue of the estate after a number of minor bequests are provided for, and are to use the funds obtained from the sale of the property for the founding of this institution to be known as "Green Hospital."

The will provides that the property be converted into cash and the debts paid as soon as possible. Then to a friend back in Sweden, Axel Gutof Ljunggren of Stockholm, he leaves \$250 in cash; to Edna and Vera Hudson of Galice he leaves \$50 each, and to Jean Atchison and Mrs. Dolly, who nursed him through his last illness, he gives \$25 each. His watch is given to Tom Grant of Galice, and his chain and charm to Matt Tapola. The balance, whatever it may be, is to go to the founding of the "Green Hospital." Or, if it is not sufficient for the immediate building of the hospital building, it is to be invested by Messrs. Tapola and Blanchard, and the returns used for charity.

One of the conditions in the founding of this hospital in Grants Pass is that the site shall not be paid for from the Green fund, but that that shall go toward the building only.

The property left by Green includes two valuable lots in College Place, Portland, mining property, etc., the value of which is not yet ascertained, but it is believed that there will be several thousands of dollars left with which to build the first wing of the hospital building.

## POLICE OFFICERS ARE REMOVED BY MAYOR.

Mayor Smith on Wednesday evening removed both Policeman Seeley and Policeman Capp from duty, and appointed in their stead V. S. Groat and Gus Ruland. The new appointees are as special officers only, the permanent appointments to be announced later. Mr. Smith says that he had been contemplating these changes for some time, but delayed it till election was over.

The removal, the mayor says, was because the officers were not giving the city the proper service, and he stamped the report that it was part of a pre-election deal with the socialists as absolutely false, and in the picturesque language which the mayor can hand out so fluently, said that the circulator of that report was "a liar and the truth was not in him."

## MEDFORD HAS LADY "COP" NOW ON DUTY.

MEDFORD, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Frank Cotterill, a sister-in-law of Mayor Cotterill of Seattle, has been appointed a member of the local police force. She is expected to have special supervision over public dances patronized by the young men and women of the city.

MEDFORD, Dec. 4.—Miss Leta Luke of this city, aged 24 years, was elected city recorder of this city at yesterday's election.

Talent also claims the distinction of being one of the few towns in the state with a socialist mayor, W. P. Breesse getting all but one of the votes cast. He had no opposition.

## GREAT SAW MILL WILL BE ERECTED

### IMMENSE PLANT AT MOUTH OF CHETCO RIVER.

## LOGGING ROAD TO TIMBER

### California Company Proceeds With Development on the Coast.

(From Sunday's Daily.)  
A voyage along the Pacific seaboard in the winter on a coasting schooner had no attraction for C. E. McKinley and his wife and little child, who arrived in Grants Pass Friday enroute to Harbor, at the mouth of the Chetco, having come here from San Francisco via the Southern Pacific.

From Los Angeles to San Francisco the McKinleys had come aboard a small steamer, and the tossing and the tumbling of the up trip had made the long overland stage route from Grants Pass to Crescent City, and then another ride up the coast to the mouth of the Chetco, seem like a joy ride in prospect as compared with the buffettings of the briny white-caps.

Mr. McKinley has been conductor on a logging train in the San Bernardino mountains for the Brookings Lumber Co., but now that that great corporation has cut over its California holdings, and is establishing its immense plant to the west of Grants Pass, he is one of its employees who is going to the new field.

While here yesterday Mr. McKinley told of the provision which his company is making for its operations at the mouth of the Chetco. On the day before he left San Francisco for Grants Pass, a schooner left that port for the Chetco loaded with supplies and provisions for the new camp. Included in its cargo were a 48-ton Shay locomotive and six flat cars for the equipment of the logging road to be constructed up the coast to the Pistol river to tap the great body of fir and cedar there. The schooner also brings a large quantity of the steel, and track laying is expected to commence as soon as the schooner reaches port. This steel is of regular weight, and the track will be standard gauge and modern in every respect. This first piece of road will be run for some six miles up the Pistol river. A second road will run up the Chetco toward Kerby, and will ultimately ascend to the top of the divide within a few miles of Kerby.

At Harbor the first mill, a unit of 125,000 daily capacity, is now being erected. The houses for the laborers, the most of whom braved the voyage up the coast, have been built, as have also the company store houses, mess houses, etc., a small mill having been installed last summer to get out the lumber for these preliminary buildings. This mill is now working on the timbers for the main structure.

Mr. McKinley says that the next few years will see a wonderful development in the lumbering industry on the coast, and especially in that portion of the coast to the west of Grants Pass. The big companies have cut their California timber, and are now moving to the north. The establishment of these great plants on the coast means much more than the mere manufacture of lumber, for the coming of thousands of loggers and other laborers will create a market for the produce of the Rogue valley, and will spell prosperity for the entire district.

In common with all who are connected with the coast lumbering industry, Mr. McKinley noted the need for immediate connection by rail of the coast with the Interior.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thurston and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Beaverton spent Monday night in Grants Pass and left Tuesday for Los An-